United States Court of Appeals

FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 02-5374

September Term, 2002

Filed On: January 21, 2003 [727003]

Elouise Pepion Cobell, et al., Appellees

V.

Gale A. Norton, Secretary of the Interior, et al.,
Appellants

BEFORE: Sentelle, Randolph, and Rogers, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the motion to dismiss, the opposition thereto, and the reply; the motion for leave to file an opposition to the motion to dismiss, the opposition thereto, the lodged reply and the lodged opposition to the motion to dismiss; the motion to expedite, the response thereto, and the reply; the motion to strike appellants' brief, the opposition thereto, and the reply; the motion for leave to file an individual brief, the opposition thereto, and the lodged reply; the motion for an extension of time to file a reply in support of the motion for leave to file an opposition to the motion to dismiss and the motion for leave to file an individual brief, and the opposition thereto; the motion for leave to join the individual brief of Gale A. Norton; and the motion to strike that motion, and the opposition thereto, it is

ORDERED that the motion for an extension of time to file a reply be granted. The Clerk is directed to file the lodged reply. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the motion to expedite be granted. <u>See D.C. Circuit</u> <u>Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures</u> 33 (2002). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the remaining motions be referred to the merits panel to which this appeal is assigned. The parties are directed to address in their briefs the issues presented in these motions rather than incorporate those arguments by reference. The following schedule will apply to the remaining briefs:

Appellees' Brief February 24
Appellants' Reply Brief March 10
Deferred Appendix March 10
Final Briefs March 17

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The Clerk is directed to schedule this case for oral argument on the next available date.

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT: Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY:

Deputy Clerk/LD